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Dear Victor,

Your two letters, one on the Paris meeting and one on your Birth Defects Meeting next June, arrived today. I am just off on a short holiday, but my first thoughts are:-

The Paris session - I quite agree there should be a paper on amniocentesis; Nadler has the most experience and I agree he should be the first choice for this paper. I also much like the idea of Dr. Stan. Rogers speaking on treatment of inborn metabolic errors by viruses - a bit in the future but well worth airing.


As regards suggestions for other speakers you might perhaps look to the Continent. It would fit in well with genetic counselling to have a talk on "genetic heterogeneity" and while this could be done for many systems it would be an opportunity to ask Maroteaux to make the points from his knowledge of the osteochondro-dystrophies - it would be nice to have one of Lamy's colleagues in the session. If he could not do it, Spranger would be an excellent alternative. Another possible topic would be the newly recognised paediatric syndromes. Perhaps Lenz's colleague Pfeiffer might be able to do it well, but you could consult Lenz about this. If he was not suitable you could fall back on one of the experts, Opitz or Smith.

I would be happy to talk briefly on some aspect of genetic counselling if this fitted in.

Regarding the June meeting, thank you for the invitation to come. The person to ask to speak on cystic disease of kidneys and liver would be my colleague, Dr. Helen Blyth, who with a morbid anatomist (Dr. Ockenden) has done a very solid piece of work on these. The main paper is likely to be still in press in June and so would still be new to the audience. I will think further about possible speakers and write when I am back from holiday.

I would like to come myself and my transatlantic fare will be paid by the Canadian Paediatric Society as I am speaking in Kingston, Ontario at the end of that week. I will think about possible topics on which I could speak and write when I am back.

Yours sincerely,


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